

A Perfin Related Item? By Dave Hill

I noted the following in a revue of the book "*George V Stamps Issued in Rolls* " by Leslie Wilkinson in Gibbons Stamp Monthly.

"Rolls of stamps above 2d value were made up by outside contractors, the main one being Allchin subpostmaster of Hampstead. He requisitioned stamps worth £8000 to £10,000 a week compared with a usual subpostoffice of about £500. "

Allchin of course were almost Sloper's last competitor in perfins. Most of these stamps must have been for rolls at least. Back in 1906 Allchin were only perfining a small fraction of Sloper's output. Sloper bought out Allchin in the early 1930's. Did Sloper ever make up rolls before the introduction of stamps printed on the web which could be made straight into rolls without joining? I know this was quite early in the 1930's but the machinery never worked right first time and the older methods would have to be resorted to at times.

I do not usually see the philatelic press. I hope members who do will report any other perfin related items.